

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKETS NO. [2020-264-E AND 2020-265-E](#) ORDER NO. 2021-114-H**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill  
Standing Hearing Officer

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:** Docket No. 2020-264-E: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. Code §58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-170-E) and Docket No. 2020-265-E: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. §58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-169-E)

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:** On September 3, 2021, the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) filed a Stipulation between Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) and ORS which fully resolves the concerns between DEC, DEP, and ORS regarding the additional tracking and annual reporting requirements on the cost shift based on the avoided cost for solar customer-generators subscribing to the Interim Riders and the Solar Choice Metering Tariffs of DEC and DEP. However prior to the scheduled oral argument, ORS filed a letter dated September 3, 2021 with the Stipulation, withdrawing its request for Oral Argument on the sole issue of addressing the reporting additional requirements requested by ORS from DEC and DEP.

By way of background, ORS raised as part of its Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration, filed on June 9, 2021 related to Commission Order No. 2021-390, that a limited rehearing was needed for the Commission to reconsider its position on the single issue of these additional reporting requirements on DEC and DEP. The Commission did not explicitly rule on this recommendation made by ORS for annual reporting on the cost shift in Order No. 2021-390.

On June 23, 2021, the Commission granted ORS's Petition for Reconsideration or Rehearing and order a limited rehearing on the single reporting issue and directed the Commission Clerk to schedule the matter for oral argument. Oral argument was scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer holds the oral argument in abeyance so that the Commission can address the withdrawal by ORS of its request and the related Stipulation.

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:** In light of the Stipulation resolving that DEC and DEP will continue to annually track and report data to ORS for net metering customer-generators, the Hearing Officer holds in abeyance the Oral Argument scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. so that Commission can consider ORS's request withdrawing its motion for Oral Argument, as well as any other matter or filing of whatsoever nature, in these Dockets concerning the reporting requirements in a further Commission Business Meeting. Nothing herein prohibits other matters (if needed) from being addressed by the Commission. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission. This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.